

FEARANN COIMHEARSNACHD NA H-ALBA – STIÙIREADH TAIC 2021
COMMUNITY LAND SCOTLAND - GAELIC FUNDING GUIDANCE 2021**BUN-FHIOSRACHADH DO LUCHD-OBRACH IS LUCHD-STIÙIRIDH**
BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR STAFF AND DIRECTORS**Why has Community Land Scotland set up a funding stream for Gaelic?**

This pilot fund has been created to encourage geographically based community organisations to find innovative ways to boost the **use** of Gaelic in their area.

What are the key dates?

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| - Closing date for EOIs | Tuesday 11 th January |
| - Closing date for applications | Tuesday 25 th January |
| - Completion Date | Friday 28 th October 2022 |

Once you have submitted your Expression of Interest form, we will undertake a short eligibility check and send you the application form, which you can submit any time up until 25th January 2022.

Funding available

The total pot that is available for Round 2 is £75,000. Applicants can apply for funding of up to £30,000 although it is likely that most awards will be for smaller amounts

Who can apply for funding?

The Gaelic Communities Fund is available to community land trusts and community heritage trusts

- The Western Isles
- The Highland Islands
- Bute and Argyll Islands

Organisations that are already in receipt of funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig should bring this to our attention. Grants cannot be used to match-fund a project already receiving funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig

How are funding decisions to be made?

The applications will go through an internal panel The internal panel will then put the strong applications to an external panel. All applicants will be informed of the decision made by the panel.

What projects will be considered?

Projects must focus on the use of Gaelic within the community. The panel are looking for projects that will ultimately be successful and of the highest impact. We welcome applications from partnerships as long as the lead body is a community land trust or community heritage organisation.

We are unable to support the creation of new posts.

What are the funding priorities?

We are looking for projects that have one or more of the features listed below. A project that is very strong in one or two areas will be of more value to the fund than one that is touching on all areas.

- Sufficient Gaelic speakers in the area to make the project viable
- The built confidence in speaking Gaelic
- They leave a legacy in the community
- Include elements relating to heritage and culture
- Encourage younger speakers
- Involve intergenerational work
- Are accessible to people who would like to engage in the project
- Use community assets (land and buildings)

What next to apply for the fund?

Applicants are to fill in the expression of interest form available on the website and e-mail it to Chrissie.gillies@communitylandscotland.org.uk by **11th January 2022**